

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1 to 8 are pending in this application.

In response to the Examiner's objection to the drawings, one of the numerals "1.7" in Figure 1 has been replaced by the numeral "1.1". Further, the filling limit and the sensor has been indicated at reference numerals "1.10" and "1.11", respectively.

In Claim 4, the incorrect spelling has been corrected.

In response to the Examiner's objection to Claim 2, Claim 2 has been amended to further clarify the operation of the ball valve. The Applicant submits that the working principle of a ball valve is well known to a person skilled in the art, who would understand, after reading the Specification, how to make and use the ball valve as claimed in amended Claim 2.

Claim 1 has been amended to delete the references to "automatically". The deleted feature is recited in the added Claim 8.

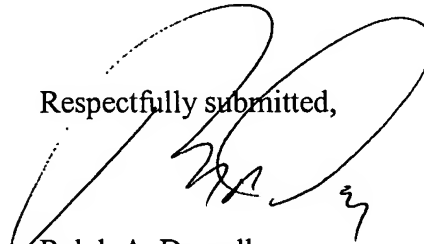
The Disclosure has been amended to include the reference numerals added to Figure 1.

No new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

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In view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully requests a timely notice of Allowance be issued in the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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